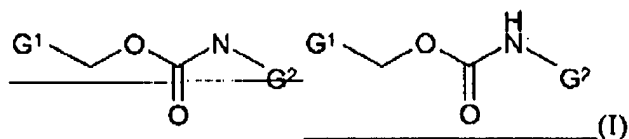


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CHANGES TO THE SPECIFICATION

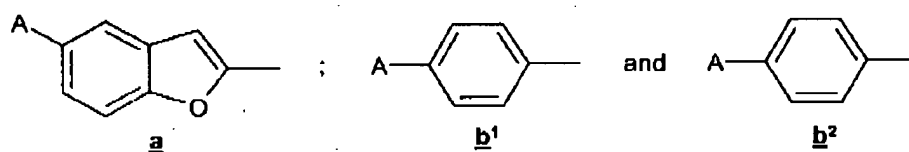
Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 5 with the following paragraph:

--This invention relates to compounds comprising of the formula Formula 1:



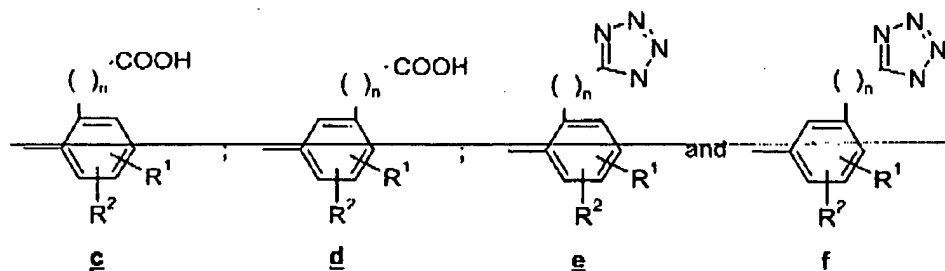
wherein:

G^1 is selected from the group consisting of a , b^1 and b^2



A is selected from the group phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl, and thienyl, all optionally substituted with lower alkyl, halogen, haloalkyl, alkoxy, cyano, nitro, $-SO_2R'$, $-NSO_2R'$, $-SO_2NR'R''$, $-NR'R''$, or $-COR'$; R' and R'' are each independently hydrogen or lower alkyl;

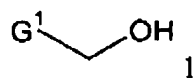
G^2 is selected from the group represented by the Formula \underline{c} , \underline{d} , \underline{e} , and \underline{f}



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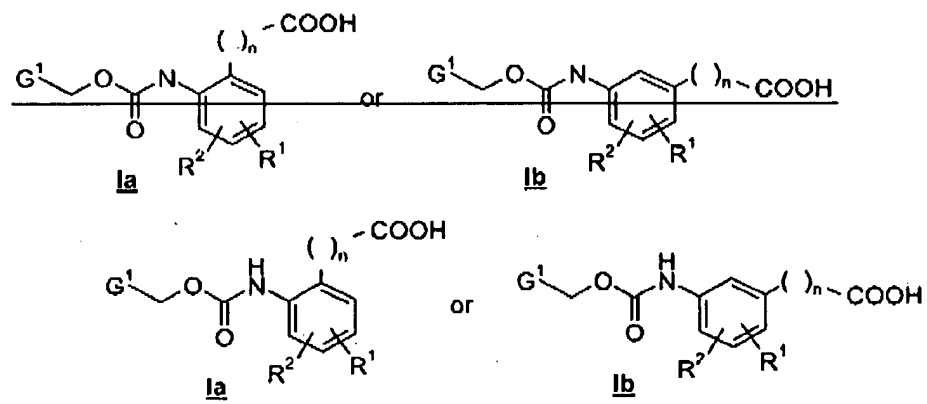
wherein n , R^1 and R^2 are as defined herein,

acylation with phosgene, followed by reaction with a compound of general Formula 1



wherein G^1 is as defined herein,

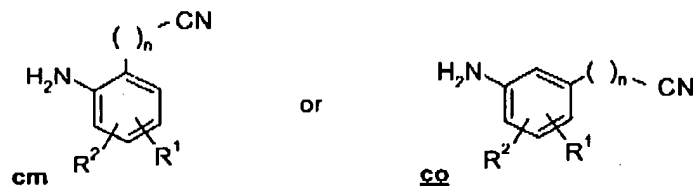
and hydrolysis, to provide a compound of the general Formula Ia or Ib



wherein n , G^1 , R^1 , and R^2 are as defined herein.--

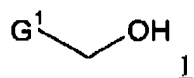
Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 6 line 10 with the following paragraph:

--In another aspect, the invention relates to a process for preparing a compound of Formula I wherein G^2 is a group represented by the formulae e or d, which comprises: esterification of the compounds having a general Formula e or f which comprises: acylation with phosgene of a compound of general Formula cm or co,



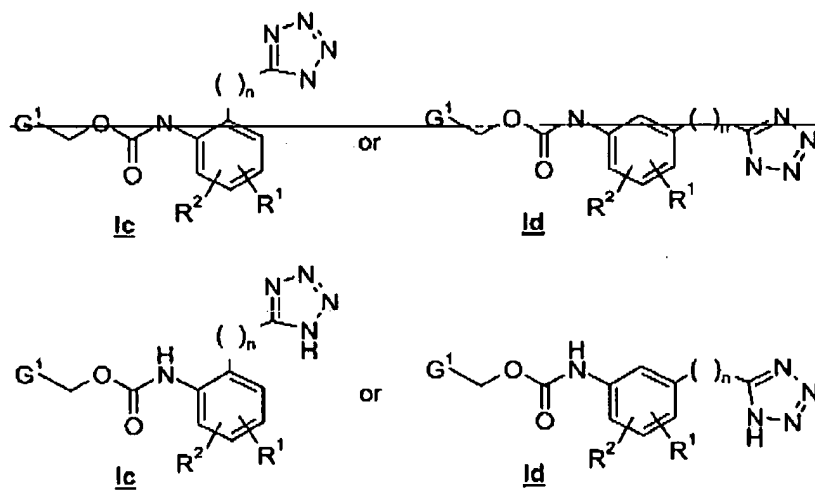
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followed by reaction with a compound of general Formula 2



wherein G^1 is as defined herein,

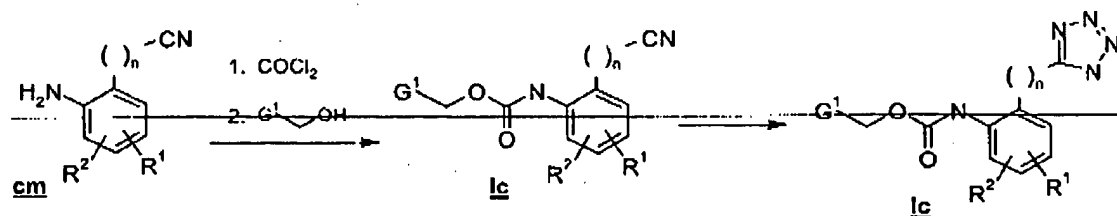
and treatment with azide to provide a compound of general Formula 1c



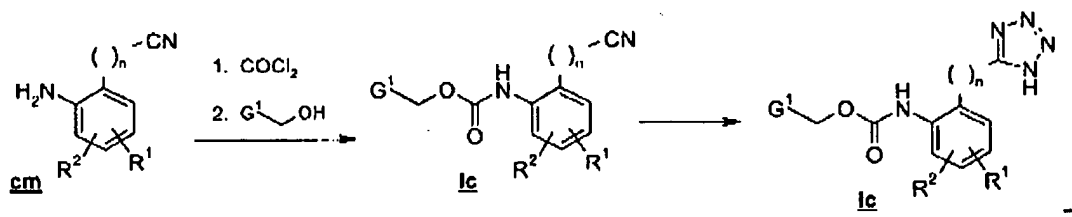
wherein n , G^1 , R^1 , and R^2 are as defined herein.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 25 line 10 with the following paragraph:

--Scheme C describes a method of preparing a compound of Formula I wherein G^2 is a compound represented by Formula e or f, wherein e or f, n , G^1 , R^1 , and R^2 , are as defined in the Summary of the Invention.

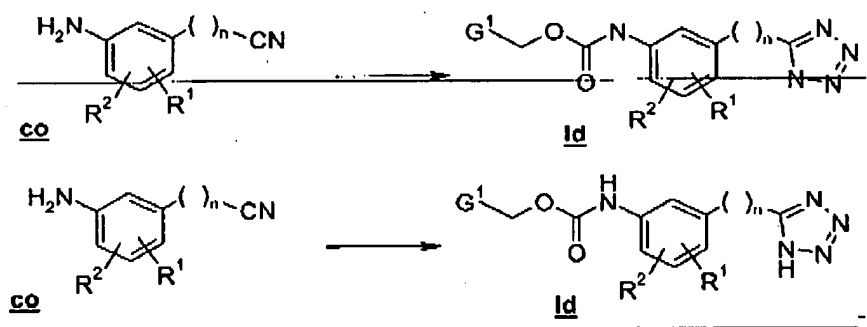


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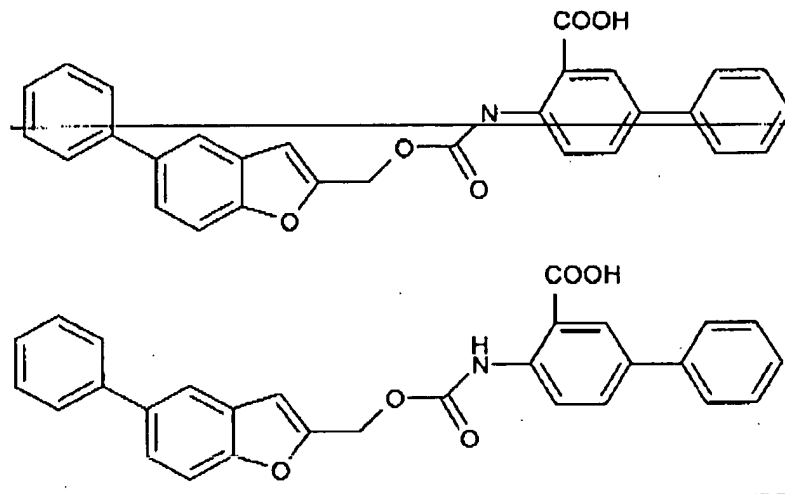
Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 25 line 16 with the following paragraph:

--Generally as set forth in Scheme C, a certain amino-benzonitrile of general Formula **cm** can be acylated with phosgene in an inert solvent to give the isocyanate that can subsequently react with a hydroxymethanol of general Formula **1**, to give the carbamate of general Formula **cn**, under similar conditions as described in Schemes A and B. Treatment of the nitrile group with sodium azide can yield the tetrazolyl derivative of general Formula **lc**. Compounds of general Formula **cm**, wherein R^1 is phenyl or heteroaryl can be prepared from the appropriate starting halo-amino-nitrile derivative with phenyl or heteroaryl boronic acid in the presence of a catalyst preferably tetrakis-triphenylphosphine-palladium and a base such as sodium carbonate or potassium carbonate.

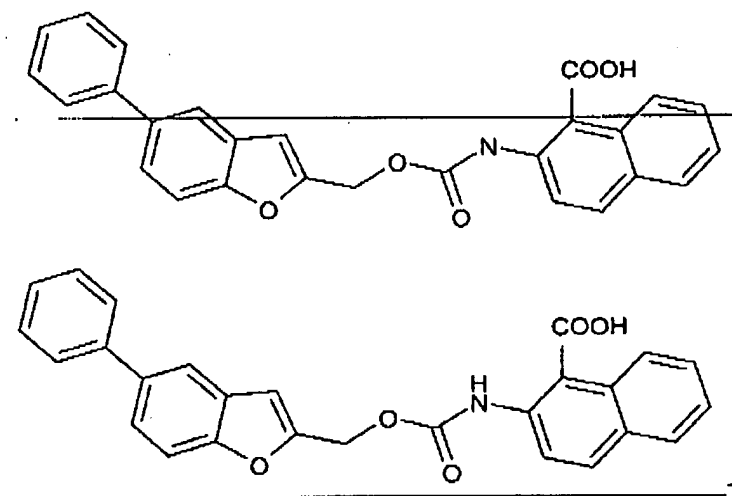


Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 38, line 1 with the following paragraph:

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--Example 14-(5-Phenyl-benzofuran-2-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-biphenyl-3-carboxylic Acid

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 42, line 4 with the following paragraph:

--Example 22-(5-Phenyl-benzofuran-2-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-naphthalene-1-carboxylic Acid

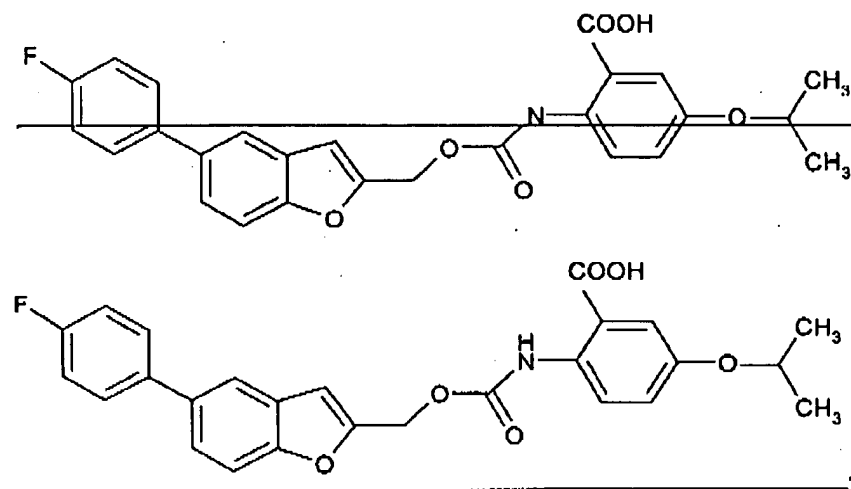
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Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 44, line 19 with the following paragraph:

--Example 3

2-[5-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-benzofuran-2-ylmethoxycarbonylamino]-5-isopropoxy-benzoic

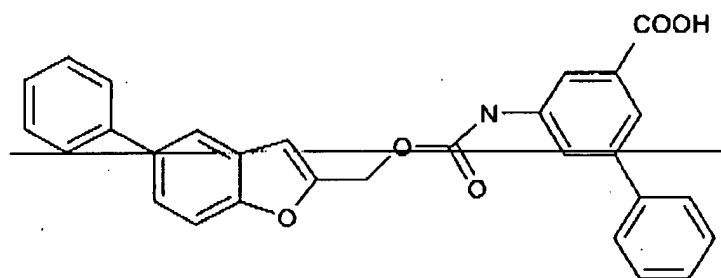
Acid



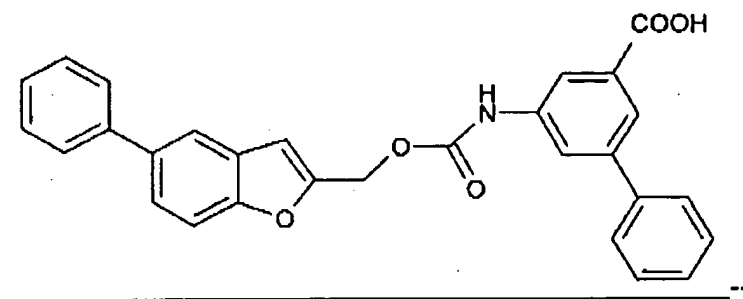
Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 46, line 1 with the following paragraph:

--Example 4

5-(5-Phenyl-benzofuran-2-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-biphenyl-3-carboxylic Acid



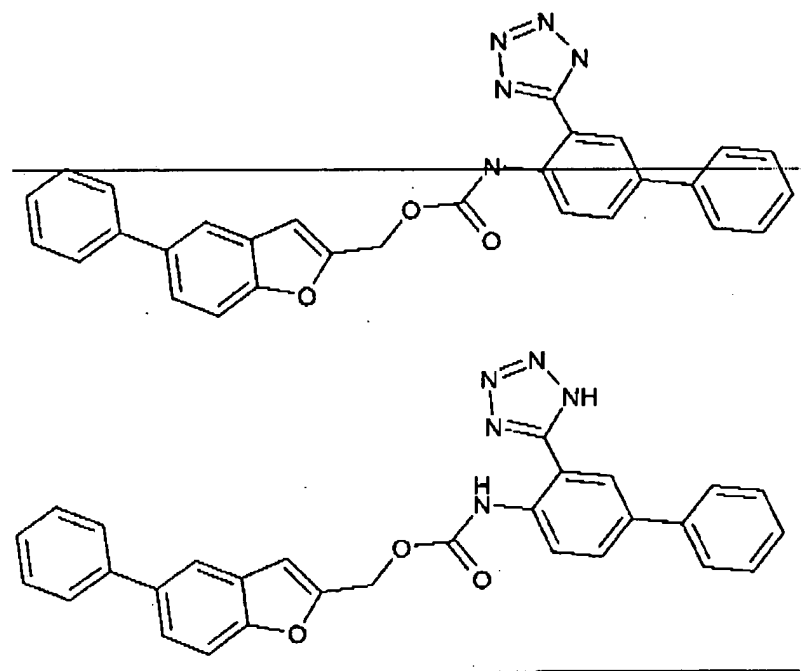
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Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 48, line 20 with the following paragraph:

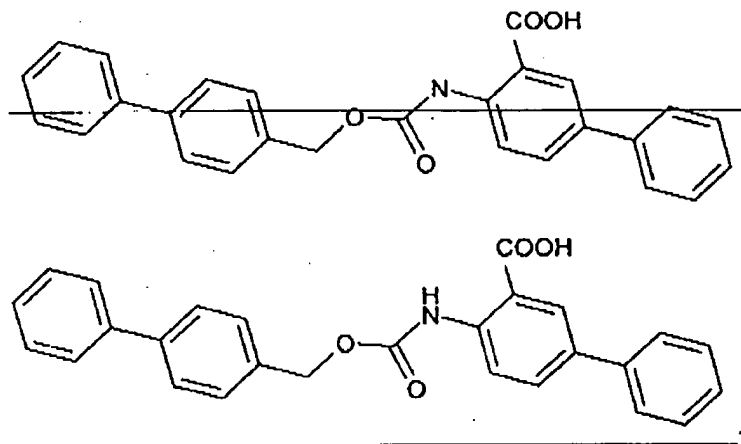
--Example 5

3-(1-phenyl-2-(2-((4-phenyl-3-carboxyphenyl)amino)oxyethyl)-1H-benzofuran-3-yl)-4-phenyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl carbamic acid methyl ester

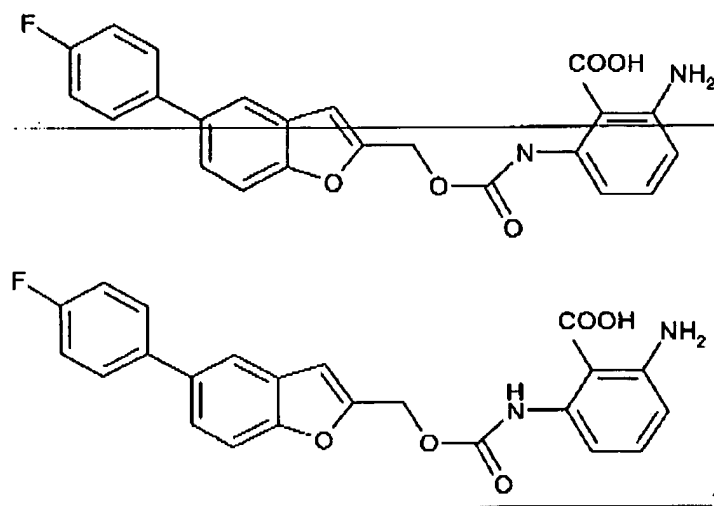


Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 51, line 1 with the following paragraph:

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--Example 64-(Biphenyl-4-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-biphenyl-3-carboxylic Acid

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 52, line 1 with the following paragraph:

--Example 72-Amino-6-[5-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-benzofuran-2-ylmethoxycarbonylamino]-benzoic Acid

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 53, line 4 with the following paragraph:

--Example 8

2-[2-(Biphenyl-4-yloxy)-ethoxycarbonylamino]-6-chloro-benzoic Acid

